By order of the Commissioners of Crown Lands, I will sel at Public Auction, at my salesroom,

On Monday, 4th day of February, At 12 o'clock noon,

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C. S. BARTOW, Auct'r.

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THE UNDERSIGNED, AT THE NEW Store on Nunanu Street. next makai of Goo Kim's Dry Goods Store, has opened a

HARDWARE! to which he invites the inspection of buyers, and proposes to SAM WO CHONG.

AUCTION BALL

BY E. P. ADAMS. CREDIT SALE!

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Heavy Plated Silver Ware, Decorated Porcelain Tea Sets, Cut Glass Tumblers, Wine Glasses,

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A piece of Kalo or Rice land in Palolo Valley, OAHU, adjoining kuleans of Kanae on the mauka side. Area. 7-190 of an acre. A leie of Kapahulu. See Chart K.

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OAHU, surrounded by a stone wall and the Pali, including several small kuleanas. Area, 40 9-10 acres. Part of a lele of Kapahulu. See Charf L. 12-A PIECE OF

In Palolo Valley, adjoining the last mentioned land on the east. Area 2 52-100 acres. Part of Lele of Kapahulu. See Chart M. Houses and crops to be taken off by present

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Tuesday, January 22d, 5 p m. Hilo Tuesday, January 29th, 5 p m. Kaalualu

Friday, February 22d, 5 p mNawiliwili

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 Hilo

 Tuesday, March 5th, 5 p m
 Kaalualu

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Goods for Shipment per Steamer can now be Stored, Free of Charge, in the Fire-proof Warehouse on Queen Street, known as Dr.

T. R. FOSTER & Co., AGENTS FOR SCHOONERS KALO & RICE LANDS Mary E. Foster,

Prince, Haunani, Saturday, Feb'y 2d, 1878,

And the Water Boat.

AT NOON, AT SALESROOM of E. P. ADAMS, Esq. I SHALL SELL,

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FOR CASH, or for PART CASH, -WITH A-

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I SHALL SELL FOR CASH. HOUSE LOT.

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On the makai side of Beretania street, Honolulu, opposite H May's new brick house, including an area of 11,950 square feet. See Chart marked A.

House Lot. 13,125 square feet. See Chart B.

Ili Aina of Manuahi, Waimea, Kanai. Area 867 acres. Forest and pasture land; the latter, excel-lent. See Chart C.

Ahupuaa of Pilaa, Koo-

Ares 1520 acres. Splendid pasture land, with some forest land. Also, about fifty acres of reef belonging to the same, making fine fishing grounds. See Chart D.

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A piece of Kalo or Rice

OAHU, near the stream and adjoining kuleana of Kamanu. Area 24-100 of an acre. A lole of Kapahulu. See Chart F.

OAHU, adjoining kuleana of Kuahiwa. Area, 11-100 of an acre. A lete of Kapahulu. See Chart G.

OAHU, adjoining kuleana of Nahele. Area, 15.100 of an acre. A lele of Kapahulu. See Chart H.

Kalo and Kula Land,

13-A PIECE OF

In Palolo Valley, adjoining the last mentioned piece on the makai side. Area 3 19-100 acres. Part of Lele of Kapahulu. E. S. CUNHA,.....PROPRIETOR | See Chart N. Crops to be taken off by present tenants.

COAL TAR. N BARRELS AND CASKS. For sale by (se30) E. P. ADAMS, Auct'r.

Commercial Adbertiser.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22. PHASES OF THE MOON FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1877-HONOLULU MEAN TIME. 26-Last Quarter ... TIME OF SUN RISING AND SETTING. 15 — Sun rises ... 6 33 8 AM; Sun sets ... 5 17.8 FM 12 — Sun rises ... 6 37.3 AM; Sun sets ... 5 21.3 FM 29 — Sun rises ... 6 40.6 AM; Sun sets ... 5 24.6 FM 31 — Sun rises ... 6 41.3 AM; Sun Sets ... 5 25.3 FM CAPT. DANIEL SMITH, Harbor Master.

THE PACIFIC

BY AUTHORITY.



THE following anniversaries being National Holidays, will observed on the days mentioned below : Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day.

Tuesday January 1. New Years Day. All government offices will be closed throughout th Kingdom J. MOTT SMITH, Minister of Interior Alliolani Hale, Dec. 21, 1877.

Awa Licenses for Sale. On Saturday the 29th day of December, 1877, at 12 o'clock noon, there will be sold at Public Auction at the front entrance

of Altiolani Hale, the following Awa Licenses for the year 1878, viz : Three (3) for the district of Hopolulu One (1) for the district of Ewa and Waianae. One (1) for the district of Waialua.

One (1) for the district of Koolaupoko.

134-1000 a., 66-1000 a., and 79-1000 acre.

J. MOTT SMITH, Minister of Interior Interior Office, Dec. 14, 1877. THE Christmas vacation of the English Day Schools main tained by Government, throughout the Kingdom, will extend

from Friday, December 21st to Monday, January 7, 1878, and from that date (January 7th) a new term will begin. W. JAS. SMITH, Secretary Education Office, Aliiolani Hale, Nov. 26, 1977. de8 5t On Saturday, December 29th, 1877, at 12 o'clock noon, will be sold at public auction, at the front entrance of Aliiolani Hale, Six Lois, situated in Anaukai, Waikiki, Oahu and containing respectively 233-1000 acres, 208-1000 a., 101-1600 a.

Plans and survey of said Lois can be seen by applying the Interior Office. J. MOTT SMITH, Minister of the Interior. Interior Office, November 8th, 1877. (n 24) The sale of the above mentioned Lois is hereby postponed till further notice. J. MOTS SMITH.

Public Notice.

Interior Office, Dec. 11, 1877. d15 Minister of Interior.

It has been determined to extend King Street in this city to Kapiolani Park in Waikiki, by taking for this purpose a strip of land one hundred (100) feet wide, extending from the present easterly terminus of said street to Kapiolani Park, and all persons who are interested in the property which will thus be taken for public purposes, are hereby notified to present their claims without delay to the Police Magistrate of Honolulu. R. LISHMAN, Road Supervisor. Road Supervisor's Office, Honolulu, Nov 23, 1877.

Steamer will not be responsible for any unmarked baggage or for any Freight or Parcels unless Receipted for. Proposed Amendment FREIGHT MONEY DUE ON DEMAND: To Article 61 of the Constitution granted on the 20th day o In all cases of Freight for parties not responsible or un-August, A. D. 1864, in accordance with Article 80 of said Constitution. That Article 61 be, and the same is hereby PACKAGES OF LIQUORS AND WINES amended so as to read as follows: ARTICLE 61. No person shall be eligible for a Representative of the people who is insane or an idiot; nor unless he be a For the party whom they are for, or plainly stated in the receipt to whom they are consigned.

All demands for Damage or Loss, must be made within one male subject of the Kingdom, who shall have arrived at the full age of twenty-one years, who shall know how to read and month.

T Hack Drivers, Boys, and such like, will not be allowed on board the Steamer upon arrival, until after the passengers write, who shall understand accounts, and shall have been

> and above all incumbrances of at least five hundred dollars.
>
> Approved this day of A. D. 1876. Proposed Amendment

domiciled in the Kingdom for at least three years immediately

Personal Property within the Kingdom of a clear value, over

PACKET FOR KAU, HAWAII To Article 20 of the Constitution, granted on the 20th day of August, A. D. 1864, in accordance with Article 80 of said That Article 20, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "of a Court of Record," immediately preceding the words "shall ever be a member of the Legislative Assembly," so that the Article as amended shall read as follows:

ARTICLE 20. The Supreme Power of the Kingdom, in its exercise is divided into the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial, these shall always be preserved distinct, and no judge shall ever be a member of the Legislative Assembly. REGULAR PACKET FOR LAHAINA.

Approved this day of A. D. 1876.

BRIEF MENTION. YESTERDAY was the shortest day in the year. PRAISE-SERVICE .- We learn that there will be a

Christmas Praise-service at the Fort street Church

to-morrow (Sunday) evening. FIRE WARDENS, says a correspondent, should be reminded of the fact that they have not done their duty under the law. See Civil Code, sections 337

-339.ST. ALBAN'S COLLEGE.-We are requested to say that the speeches at this educational establishment will be delivered this evening, Dec. 22d, at 7 p. m., and that the public are respectfully invited to at-

scarcely need to be reminded that to-day is the anniversary of the landing, two hundred and fiftyseven years ago, of the Pilgrim Fathers "on a stern and rock-bound coast.' Not hangen.-Four persons, two men and two else, Old residents prognosticate that we shall women, who were condemned to be hanged in yet have a second edition of the storm from the England, have been respited by Her Majesty

FOREFATHERS' DAY .- New Englanders will

Queen Victoria. This is encouraging for the Society for the abolition of capital punishment in CRUELTY TO ANIMALS .- It looks very much like it to see four or five yoke of diminutive bullocks evidently under two years old, dragging carts loaded with ballast stone through the streets. But

perhaps it is a new breed of Liliputian oxen. Can

the heads of the police inform us? IOLANI COLLEGE-Since our announcement in last week's issue of the annual distribution of prizes at Iolani College, which was to have taken place last Friday, the death of one of the pupils of the College has occurred, in consequence of which the ceremony in question has been postponed till

after Christmas. Monsieur Jules Grevy's letter to the Electors of the Ninth Arrandissement is regarded as an expression of the opinion of the majority of Frenchmen with reference to the dissolution of the last chamber of Deputies by MacMahon. We regret that we have not space to publish a verbatim translation of this remarkable letter. We intend next week to

notice some of its salient points. THE CATTLE PLAGUE .- A recent visiter to Molokai informs us that the upper plateau of that island, containing an area of say 100,000 acres, and formerly well-wooded, constituting a natural reservoir for the springs and streams,-has become a barren waste through the herds of cattle that have (Prepared according to the directions of Baron Liebig.) been allowed to run at large there. The situation This extract of meat, is superior to any that has ever been on that naturally fertile island is a sad one to contemplate, and furnishes a suggestion as to the fu-These meats are preserved in vacuo, and are GUARAN-TEED to remain PERFECTLY SWEET, for any length of is not provided against the cuttle place. is not provided against the cattle plague.

COMMUNISTS.-Situated as we are as half-way house between two great centres of population-Islands Orders respectfully solicited and filled at prices to California and Australia-it is quite probable that some undesirable waifs of bumanity will occasion-Order the Melbourne Meat Preserving Co.'s Meats, and you ally find a lodgment on our shores. It is rumored that some forty of so-called " communists," -by which we understand is meant agrarians or levellers-arrived here on the last steamer from San Francisco. We fancy that they would find their "occupation gone" in a community like

> MUSIC THIS AFTERNOON .- The band will play at Emma Square, this p. m., (weather permitting) commencing at 4 o'clock. Following is the pro-Overture Opera, The Bronze Horse.....

> Ballad, The Storm is wildly raging Schubert There will be a Christmas Concert at Emma Square on Tuesday afternoon Dec. 25, commencing at 3 o'clock, the weather permitting.

salmon trout, and we learn that some of our enterprising business men intend to send in return some

of our fine pond mullet, on ice. MR. J. L. HANCHETTE, Plano-forte tuner and repairer. For many years connected with Chickering and Son's piano-forte factory of Boston, Mass Orders left at the Hawaiian Hotel or H. M. Whitney's bookstore.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR .- At the Regular Assembly of Honolula Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, holden at their Asylum on King Street, on Thursday evening, Dec. 13th, 1877, the following Sir Knights were elected to hold office for the ensuing

Eminent Commander, Kalakaua; Generalissimo, Geo. Williams; Capt. General, H. J. Nolte; Prelate, Alex. Mackintosh; Senior Warden, Gideon West; Junior Warden, Wm. G. Irwin; Treasurer, Jno. S. Walker; Recorder, I. B. Peterson; Standard Bearer, Benj. Whitney; Sword Bearer, Lorenzo Marchant; Warder, Chas. T. Gulick.

LOOKERS ON .- There was a good many at the fire. Many toreigners and natives did not see the point when invited by the police to relieve exhausted firemen at the brakes. A lot of lately arrived Chinamen were guzing curiously at the fire, and when politely requested to lend a band, shook their heads and said "no sabe." Persuasion baying failed, an exasperated member of the foreign police force seized two of the Celestials vi et armis, and carried them to the brakes, while the remain-

der incontinently sloped up town. COMMENDABLE.-We are always ready to give credit where credit is due. At about 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening last, two hours before the fire broke out below Queen street, some native policemen noticing an unusual degree of light in a Chinese baker's-shop on the corner of Beretania and Nauanu streets, proceeded promptly to examine, and found the interior on fire. They at once effected an entrange and succeeded in extinguishing the fire without giving an alarm. Just think of the consequences had a fire got under way in that quarter with the wind that was blow ing on Taesday night! The whole of the lower part of the town would inevitably have been burned. These native policemen are deserving of a testimonial. We have taken the pains to ascertain their names and numbers. They are-Kawika, (2); Kumanu, (8); Kana, (30).

MIRLEES, TAIT & WATSON .- We are glad to welcome the arrival by the last steamer of William Renny Watson, Fsq., of the above celebrated firm of sugar machinery manufacturers, (the largest in the world), who intends making a tour over our group to inspect the workings of our plantations. and the process of manufacturing sugar employed by the various plantations, together with the class of machinery generally in use by them. Mr. Watson's visit here will give our planters and their agents an opportunity of discussing with him the merits of all the latest improvements in sugar majustly celebrated) and in enabling those parties others? erecting new mills, to get the benefit of Mr. Watson's extensive experience, and making direct contracts for their machinery, thus avoiding errors, &c., which result from dealing with third parties.

- We learn that Mr. Watson and Mr. W. L. Green will visit the principal Hawaii plantations by the steamer of 2d January. We would add that Mirlees, Tait & Watson, have already supplied the plants to some of our principal plantations such as Waihee, Kohala, Hinds, Libue and others, and it is somewhat remarkable that their mills never met with an accident.

The Gale

That commenced to blow from the N. N. E., or Tuesday morning last, has been one of the must severe ever experienced by the oldest resident of Honolulu. It is to be hoped that it has been only local. During Tuesday a succession of whirlwinds alternating with furious gusts of wind, filled every view of the question it is already settled for them body's premises with dust. Towards night the wind became more steady, occasionally veering a point, but its force was almost sufficient to carry a person off his feet. To quote from "Tam O'Shanter ":

"The wind blew as 'twad blawn ats kest ; The rattlin' showers rose on the blast : That night a child might understand, The dell had business on his hand."

Aside from the great fire-a direct consequence of the wind-numerous valuable shade and ornamental trees have been blown down and uprooted in the city and its environs, notably algarobas, which are brittle and not deep rooted. The losses in this particular are really serious. Fences have been prostrated. In Manon Valley, very many of the bouses of the natives have been overthrown. including the Church building. Such was the force of the wind that a milk-cart on its way into town was fairly capsized, and all of its contents watered the plain." During Thursday the gale gradually abated its force, and yesterday, the wind veering to the South of East, rain set in. Among the other effects of the gale was the upsetting of the flag-staff on Punchbowl. Divine Providence having done thus much, let us hope that government will remove the guns, and substitute a saluting battery on Fisherman's point, or somewhere

To the Editor of the Pacific Commercial Advertiser : Sin :- A correspondent over the signature of Lux " has in two communications made an effort to defend the Mosaic Sabbath law against the doctrine of Christ, Paul, and the great Reformers. How he has succeeded I leave to the judgment of every Christian reader. No need to enter into fresh arguments. However, permit me a few remarks on the letters of Lux. Although Lux apparently is well versed in Scripture matters, and particularly in the Old Testament, it is strange that he should enter into an argument about the fourth commandment, and at the same time refer to 'all the other ten commandments &c., &c." Are there eleven? Lux is sorry to see me in my last communication "fall from gentlemanliness into something of unchristian bitterness" in presuming that the great body of carnest Christian workers in this day are "uncircumcised Jews." How can it be "ungentlemanly" to suppose that one who defends a strictly Jewish Commandment against the New Testament is an uncircumcised Jew. Well, Tout-le-meme chose, let it be "circumcised," if it is more pleasant. Lux is offended because I speak of "large and learned bodies of ward as an argument that large bodies of divines could not be guilty of false doctrines. When one of the very largest assemblies of learned divines pronounced the infallibility of the Pope, is that also true Christian doctrine? It Lax had produced from the New Testament only one sentence in proof of his arguments it would have been an unassailable rock. Large assemblies of learned divines must ever sink before Christ and his disciples. Furthermore, I wish to state positively that I have not argued against the Sunday, but against the Sabbath, and abuse of Sunday! Lux says that Germany never had the Christian Sabbath, that England, Scotland, and America have. Very truly, and therefore America and the British Isles only one penitentiary of the State of New York, Ozman ! Auburn, more than in the whole German Empire? How is it that so many Duncans are perfect Sab-COSMOPOLITAN.

RECHEBOCITY IN FISH .- California has sent us | To the Editor of the Pacific Commercial Advertiser Six: The stand taken by a writer in your paper who signs himself "Cosmopolitan" deserves support by all who desire to see a true Christian spirit of progress prevail over intolerance and

self assertion in Hawaii nei. Cosmopolitan advocates freedom of conscience and liberty of action for every individual in the realm, provided always he does not interfere with the rights of others. His arguments are based upon common sense combined with authority from such men as Luther, Calvin, Melancthon and Grotius, the first and most eminent of reformers. His argument, if I understand it rightly, is, that the Christian Sabbath is not desecrated by innocent amusement; but that a due regard to the rights and liberties of others demands that no act of any man, whatever his creed, shall molest them in any manner. The stipulation in the latter part of this argument I look upon as a natural law binding upon every one, and from the exercise or restraint of which, no man, whatever his state or condition,

can liberate himself without wrong to others.

His position has been assailed in your last two papers by another gentleman writing under the modest signature of "Lux." Now, Mr. Editor, being anxious to learn from any one willing to instruct me I have gone over the two articles with care, anxious to find the enlightenment I had the right to expect. What have I met? I have been greeted with a great wealth of words and evident facility of wielding the pen, both evidences of a master of literary or religious fence. Dr. Hessey. Richard Bayter, Justin Martyr, Tertullian, Clement of Alexandria, all are quoted and make a great display in the geatleman's learned discourse. But this is all beating about the bush without touching a twig. It is traveling round and round and round his object without approaching it. The glorious sunshine which should illumine our unchristian darkness does not equal in brightness the rays of a farthing rushlight. It is not even moonshine. As far as my poor understanding serves me, instead of dissipating obscurity by the help of intelligent and authoritative explanation, Lux only creates confusion. He, I hope, will pardon me for saying I cannot understand what France or England or Germany or the United States or Dr. Bound or James I. or Archbishop Land or evan gelical piety have to do with the matter. I shall not beg the question by flattering the self-complacency or sacrificing to the spiritual pride of the good people either of Providence or Boston or London. It lies in a nutshell and can be solved without reference to the host of authorities " Lux" has paraded for our-mystification? The problem as presented by "Cosmopolitan" may be divided into two parts. First, is innocent amusement or recreation on the Christian Sabbath a desecration of the day? Second, whether desecration or not, is it lawful for the state to prevent any person from passing the day in the manner he considers most pleasing to himself, he abstaining from any crimchinery, (for inventions in which his firm is so inal action, and not interfering with the rights of

who contemplate putting in new machinery or I reply in the negative to both these questions but shall content myself with giving one or two plain reasons on the first only; reasons which appear to me so unanswerable and to so completely dispose of the question that I cannot be surprised that Lux holding the affirmative of the proposition should endeavor to carry it, not by proof, but by a farrage of verbiage nothing to the purpose, and a cloud of witnesses who testify to nothing.

To narrow the question I assume Lux to be a

conscientious practical Christian. I profess to be one myself and to base my argument on Christian practice and belief. We are all agreed as to the necessity, from a doctrinal point of view, of keeping the day holy, so now we come to the question, -Is innocent amusement on the Christian Sabbath desecration of the day? This is a mere matter of opinion between different bodies of men believing different interpretations of the same doctrine. Fortunately for those who take the Cosmopolitan by the express terms of holy writ itself. There is no occasion to go beyond the commandment in which it is enjoined on all men to keep holy the Sabbath day. The injunction is so clear and the definition so perfect that nothing is wanting to make the matter plain. "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thou hast to do, but the seventh day is the Sabbath; in it thou shalt do no manner of work," &c. Can anything be more explicit? What is said about amusement or recreation in this passage? Why overlie God's word with theories of our own, and endeavor to palm them off on the world as the divine law? And if nothing in the divine command forbids recreation on the one day of the week, can man improve upon, by addng to. God's word his own dreams and vain imaginations? Does he make it more forcible? Or does he not rather create discord, ill feeling, and all uncharitableness, by a needless interference with the natural rights, we believe the Allwise Ruler of the universe has conferred on every one. Lux truly says "it would be easy to fill your whole paper with arguments and quotations on this Sabbath question, "-I mean the Cosmopolitan side of it, but I have been obliged to condense.

Plevna.

Five miles to the east of the River Vid, stands

the Fortress of Plevna on the Sophia Road. About

a mile to the north of Plevna the River Gravitza

flows on westwards to join the Vid, and a tributary of the Gravitza, after passing by Plevna, joins the main stream about a mile and a half to the northwest. The Village of Gravitza is on the north bank of the Gravitza, near the head waters of that river, about five miles and a half from Plevna. A little to the west of the village is stationed the famous Gravitza Redoubt, about half-a-mile north of the river. From the Gravitza Redoubt to the River Vid. the Turks have made a line of entrenchtments, between eight and nine miles in extent, including the villages of Bukova and Oponets. The Roumanian army occupies the grounds north of this line. From Gravitza Redoubt, the Turkish entrenchments extend south-by-east, over the Gravitza river, and three of its tributary streams successively, across the road from Plevba southwards to Setova, as far as the village of Kirshine, which is five miles south of Plevna, This eastern line of Turkish entreuchments round Plevna, is full seven miles long from Gravitza Redoubt to Kirshine. From Kirshine a third line of entrenchments extends south of Plevon westwards to the River Vid, opposite Disevitza Village over a distance of seven miles more. From Disevitza to Oponetz, the River Vid forms the natural line of Turkish defences on the west of the Fortress, the distance between the two places being about seven miles more. On the west side of this line of the Vid, the Turks have strong earth-works. Thus, in all, there are about twenty-three miles of Turkish Westminster divines and other assemblies of di- entrencements on the three sides north east, and vines" as guilty of false doctrines; putting for- south of Pievna, with the River Vid on the fourth side to the west. The Russians lines extend east and south of the Turkish entrenchments, from Gravitza Redoubt, by Rudicevo village, South of Kirshine village, and past Kertosah village, till they touch the Vid below Disevitza. A road goes from Pievna east by south to Pelisat twelve miles off, and thence turns north-east, four miles, to Poradim, the Russian head quarters, until lately of the Grand Duke Nicholas, who has since fixed his head quarters at Bogot, five and a half miles south-east of Radicevo, while Prince Charles of Roumania has his head quarters at Porodim. By our latest dispatches, the grand effort of the Russians was directed to cut off Plevna from communication with Sophia, whence the garrison was drawing its supplies, and so starve the Turks out. From stand in the Temple, and say: "I thank thee, O the point where the road from Plevns to Sophis Lord, that I am not like this man." No, Germany crosses the Vid, the distance is about seven miles has the Sunday of Calvin and Luther, and never to Gorno Dubnik, on the Sophia Road, and at this exercised the religion of Westminster doctrines, point the Turks had strong Redoubts, which were burning witches, and hanging quakers. Germans never believe in the Westminster Catechism, praying incessantly from morning till night, and meas- and Dubnik fell into the power of the Russians. So uring the length of Sabbath faces with the shoe- that the Valiant Ozman was bemned in on all sides, maker's measure. That the German Sabbath is a and left no alternative but to die of starvation inside " sorry picture" is a slander. I answer it with a of Plevna, to surrender to the Russians, or to cut Lux says "it is one of the marks of a per- his way out southwards to the Balkans, first blowing fect Christian to keep the Lord's day." Perhaps up the fortress—which may still be the crowning so and perhaps not. Who, I ask, may be supposed exploit of Ozman el-Gazee. Long years ago, another to keep the Lord's day more perfect than the Min- Ozman el-Gazee held the fortress of Plevna against isters of the Gospel, the teachers of the Westmins- the Muscovites, till starved out, when he broke ter Sabbath law, and why then is it that to day through their lines to the Balkans. His glorious there are seventeen of those perfect Christians in namesake may recall the feat of the first "Victor"

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